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## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims to read as indicated below.

- 1. (currently amended) A system-for communications on a bi-directional medium, comprising:
- a first repeater, a second repeater, a third repeater and a fourth repeater, each of which is coupled to-said medium a wire that is common to said first, second, third and fourth repeaters,
- wherein said first repeater and said second repeater communicate with each other <u>via said wire</u> on a first band for a transmission from said first repeater to said second repeater, and on a second band for a transmission from said second repeater to said first repeater,
- wherein said second repeater and said third repeater communicate with each other <u>via said wire</u> on a third band for a transmission from said second repeater to said third repeater, and on a fourth band for a transmission from said third repeater to said second repeater, and
- wherein said third repeater and said fourth repeater communicate with each other <u>via said wire</u> on said second band for a transmission from said third repeater to said fourth repeater, and on said first band for a transmission from said fourth repeater to said third repeater.
- 2. (currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein said-medium wire is a power line.